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Seventy-six per cent of the 2005 harvest is complete, compared to 69 per cent last week and the five -year average of 87 per cent, according to Saskatchewan Agriculture and Food's weekly crop report.

The southwest is furthest along at 97 per cent complete, followed by the southeast at 96 per cent complete. The northwest is least advanced with 38 per cent combined. Provincial winter wheat, fall rye, durum, mustard, pea, and lentil crops are all at least 90 per cent combined. Overall, the crop is expected to be below average for quality.

Frosts and migratory birds caused the majority of the crop damage during the past week. South eastern areas received snow during the past week, which lodged standing crops.

Northern and west central areas are still in a surplus moisture situation. Reporters indicate that it takes very little moisture to stop harvest operations.

Some regions expect to finish harvest in the coming week, while others could need at least until the end of October. Those that have finished harvest have begun fall work, including straw baling, hauling bales, rock picking, fertilizer application, and harrowing.

Sask. combining progress

	% this week	% last week
Winter wheat	99	99
Spring wheat	63	56
Durum	90	83
Oats	63	52
Barley	72	66
Fall rye	99	90
Triticale	80	68
Flax	59	49
Canola	80	71
Mustard	90	85
Sunflowers	1	1
Lentils	95	93
Peas	96	94
Canary seed	58	47
Chickpeas	84	72
Total	76	69

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Saskatchewan Harvest Progress at October 9, 2005

	% In Swath or Ready to Str.Cmb.			% Combined		
	2005	2004	Average 2000-04	2005	2004	Average 2000-04
Winter wheat	2	2	0	99	98	99
Spring wheat	29	15	6	63	79	89
Durum	8	14	5	90	75	89
Oats	27	26	11	63	62	80
Barley	22	14	6	72	81	88
Fall rye	1	1	0	99	95	93
Triticale	16	9	5	80	44	77
Flax	21	29	12	59	25	69
Canola	20	25	12	80	73	85
Mustard	8	9	4	90	85	92
Sunflowers	18	0	0	1	41	25
Lentils	4	4	2	95	95	93
Peas	3	2	1	96	97	96
Canary seed	26	24	10	58	54	74
Chickpeas	7	11	n.a.	84	36	n.a.
Total	**19**	**16**	**7**	**76**	**76**	**87**

1 Year Ago

Seventy-six per cent of the 2004 crop had been harvested, ranging from the west central region at 89% complete to the southeast at 67% complete.

Winds and frosts were causing the majority of the crop damage.

Grasshoppers were damaging emerging fall-seeded crops.

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South eastern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 1, 2, & 3ase)

South eastern combining progress

	% this week	% last week
Winter wheat	100	100
Spring wheat	97	95
Durum	98	93
Oats	92	87
Barley	99	97
Fall rye	100	100
Triticale	100	97
Flax	84	73
Canola	98	94
Mustard	99	99
Sunflowers	0	0
Lentils	99	97
Peas	99	99
Canary seed	91	83
Chickpeas	99	96
Total	96	92

The south eastern region had some significant amounts of snow during the past week. An average of 5 mm of precipitation was reported. Crop District (CD) 1b received the majority of the snow and averaged 15 mm of precipitation as a water equivalent. Over 35 mm was reported in the Redvers area. Frost and wind damage were reported across the region. Snow lodged standing crops.

Ninety-six per cent of the 2005 south eastern crop has been combined or put to alternate uses, with a further 3% lying in the swath or ready to straight combine. Flax and sunflowers are the only crops that are less than 90% harvested. There were some reports of light bushel weights on flax. Secondary growth is making combining difficult.

Crop reporters in the southeast rated crop land topsoil moisture similar to last week – 55% adequate. On hay and pasture land, 49% of reporters rated topsoil moisture as adequate compared to 53% last week. Some areas in CDs 2a and 3ase would like to see some rain as soil conditions are getting very dry.

Migrating waterfowl were damaging crops in CD 2b.

Some fall work was done, including fall spraying, hauling bales, cultivating, baling straw, burning flax straw, and harrowing. Cattle are being turned out onto stubble fields.

South western Saskatchewan (CDs 3asw, 3an, 3b, & 4)

South western combining progress

	% this week	% last week
Winter wheat	100	100
Spring wheat	97	95
Durum	97	92
Oats	97	85
Barley	98	96
Fall rye	100	100
Triticale	82	67
Flax	69	61
Canola	99	98
Mustard	99	96
Sunflowers	0	0
Lentils	99	99
Peas	99	99
Canary seed	71	69
Chickpeas	81	70
Total	97	93

Some areas in the southwest saw snow flurries during the past week, and most saw several frosts. Precipitation was minimal. Frost damage was reported in CDs 3asw, 3b, and 4a. Wind damage was reported in CDs 3asw and 3b. Drought damage was reported in CD 3asw. Concerns were expressed about bleaching.

Ninety-seven per cent of the 2005 south western crop has been combined or put to alter .te uses, and a further 2% is lying in the swath or ready to be straight combined. Crops that are less than 90% combined include triticale, flax, sunflowers, canary seed, and chickpeas. Some of the crop taken off this past week was tough.

Topsoil moisture conditions on crop land are similar to last week, with 72% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as adequate. Conditions dried slightly on hay and pasture land with 60% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as adequate, compared to 64% last week. Areas in CDs 3asw and 3bs need rain to alleviate the dry conditions.

Migrating waterfowl damaged crops in CD 3bn.

Fall work is underway, including fixing fence, hauling hay, repairing corrals, summerfallowing, herbicide application, picking rocks, and deep-banding. Cattle are being moved home from summer pastures.

East central Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 5 & 6a)

East central combining progress

	% this week	% last week
Winter wheat	97	97
Spring wheat	70	66
Durum	79	71
Oats	69	56
Barley	84	79
Fall rye	100	100
Triticale	89	85
Flax	39	27
Canola	89	82
Mustard	81	76
Sunflowers	3	3
Lentils	98	95
Peas	99	98
Canary seed	50	39
Chickpeas	94	88
Total	79	73

The east central region was cool and damp but reported minimal

precipitation. Frost and wind damage were reported across the region. Swaths were scattered and some standing grain was shelled out. Heavy dews and frosts hampered harvest progress. Other concerns included bleaching, staining, lodging, and sprouting.

Seventy-nine per cent of the 2005 east central crop has been combined or put to alternate uses, and a further 18% is lying in the swath or is ready to be straight combined. Crops that are at least 90% harvested include fall rye, winter wheat, peas, lentils, and chickpeas. Much of the grain harvested was damp.

Topsoil moisture conditions on cropland dried during the past week, with 13% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as surplus, compared to 21% last week. Conditions are similar to last week on hay and pasture land with 83% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as adequate.

Migrating birds and wild game are damaging crops across the region.

Other than harvesting, farmers were harrowing, baling straw, spraying, cleaning corrals, applying fertilizer, hauling bales, cutting slough hay, and removing flax straw. Some livestock owners are starting to feed cattle hay in CD 5b. Cattle are being moved to stubble fields in some areas.

Some bins in CD 6a have developed hot spots and farmers are encouraged to check stored grain for heating.

West central Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 6b & 7)

West central combining progress

	% this week	% last week
Winter wheat	100	97
Spring wheat	45	28
Durum	54	34
Oats	40	24
Barley	62	47
Fall rye	96	96
Triticale	62	62
Flax	13	7
Canola	77	58
Mustard	70	53
Sunflowers	0	0
Lentils	85	79
Peas	97	89
Canary seed	25	8
Chickpeas	72	18
Total	60	44

The west central region was cold with frosts and some snow flurries this past week. Precipitation was minimal, especially compared to recent weeks. Frost damage was reported across the region. Wind damage, including scattering swaths and shattering, was reported in CDs 6b and 7a. Other concerns included bleaching, staining, sprouting, lodging, and heads breaking off.

Sixty per cent of the 2005 west central crop has been combined or put to alternate uses, with a further 31% lying in the swath or ready to straight combine. Crops that are at least 80% harvested include winter wheat, fall rye, peas, and lentils. Much of the grain came off tough. Farmers are still getting stuck in wet fields.

Topsoil moisture conditions on cropland dried during the past week. Thirty-nine per cent of reporters rated topsoil moisture as surplus, compared with 50% last week. Conditions also dried on hay and pasture land with 19% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as adequate compared to 23% last week.

Wild game and water fowl damaged crops across the region.

Cattle were coming home from summer pastures. Farmers were hauling bales and baling straw.

North eastern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 8 & 9ae)

North eastern combining progress

	% this week	% last week
Winter wheat	92	92
Spring wheat	37	30
Durum	43	32
Oats	38	31
Barley	48	44
Fall rye	89	71
Triticale	n/a	n/a
Flax	3	1
Canola	67	58
Mustard	76	67
Sunflowers	0	0
Lentils	88	46
Peas	98	74
Canary seed	36	12
Chickpeas	n/a	n/a
Total	51	43

The northeast was cool and wet, but warmed later during the past week. Most areas reported minimal precipitation. The largest amount was 12 mm in the Nipawin area. Damp weather meant that crops did not dry down much. Frost damage was reported across the region. Wind damage was reported in CD 8. Other concerns expressed included lodging and sprouting.

Fifty-one per cent of the 2005 north eastern crop has been combined, with a further 37% lying in the swath or ready to be straight combined. Crops that are at least 80% harvested include fall rye, winter wheat, peas, and lentils. Grain was

taken off tough.

Topsoil moisture conditions dried this past week, with 71% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as surplus, compared with 87% last week. Conditions also improved on hay and pasture land with 39% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as surplus compared to 54% last week. Some fields are still very wet and it is difficult to move machinery on them.

Wild game and waterfowl caused damage in CD 8b.

Farmers were harrowing.

North western Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 9aw & 9b)

North western combining progress

	% this week	% last week
Winter wheat	n/a	n/a
Spring wheat	23	15
Durum	n/a	0
Oats	19	7
Barley	33	24
Fall rye	99	99
Triticale	n/a	20
Flax	10	1
Canola	50	40
Mustard	n/a	20
Sunflowers	0	0
Lentils	n/a	80
Peas	86	83
Canary seed	50	0
Chickpeas	n/a	n/a
Total	38	29

The north western region was cool and damp with some traces of snow during the past week. The weather improved by the weekend. Precipitation was minimal for a change. Frost damage was reported across the region. Other concerns were lodging and sprouting. Snow lodged crop in the Meadow Lake area.

Thirty-eight per cent of the 2005 north western crop has been combined or put to alternate uses, with a further 49% lying in the swath or ready to be straight combined. Crops that are at least 80% harvested include fall rye and peas. Combined grain was tough.

Topsoil moisture on crop land dried this past week as reporters rated 39% as surplus, compared with 70% last week. Frost is helping to dry the fields enough for machinery to be moved onto them. Some areas are still too wet for harvest equipment. Hay and pasture land also dried with 11% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as surplus compared to 27% last week.

Wild game, geese and ducks damaged crops in CD 9aw. Grasshoppers damaged emerging fall-seeded crops in CD 9aw.

Weekly Rainfall Summary

(in millimeters)

for the week ending October 8, 2005

Crop Dist.	No.	Municipality Name	Past Week	Since April 1
1A	1	Argyle	19	373
	2	Mount Pleasant	18	369
	3 B	Enniskillen	18	396
	33 A	Moose Creek	20	401
	34	Browning	10	351
	35	Benson	NIL	395
	61	Antler	36	480
	63 A	Moose Mountain	25	296
	64	Brock	2	372
	65	Tecumseh	NIL	390
1B	91	Maryfield	12	276
	92	Walpole	24	288
	94	Hazelwood	NIL	352
	95	Golden West	NIL	361
	123	Silverwood	NIL	407
	124	Kingsley	NIL	383
	125	Chester	NIL	298
	151 B	Rocanville	1	417
	153	Willowdale	NIL	323
	155	Wolseley	TR	416
2A	36	Cymri	5	407
	67	Weyburn	NIL	282
	68	Brokenshell	TR	282
	96	Fillmore	TR	371
	97	Wellington	TR	340
	99	Caledonia	NIL	360
2B	126	Montmartre	1	335
	127	Francis	TR	427
	129	Bratt's Lake	NIL	255
	131	Baildon	NIL	364
	156 A	Indian Head	NIL	481
	156 B	Indian Head	TR	417
	157	South Qu'appelle	NIL	457
	158	Edenwold	NIL	301
	160	Pense	NIL	223
	161	Moose Jaw	NIL	305
3ASE	8	Lake Alma	NIL	293
	9	Surprise Valley	2	283
	38 A	Laurier	NIL	343
	38 B	Laurier	NIL	288
	39 A	The Gap	TR	214
	39 B	The Gap	TR	264
3ASW	10	Happy Valley	TR	260
	12	Poplar Valley	NIL	189
	40	Bengough	TR	276
	42	Willow Bunch	NIL	269
	43 A	Old Post	NIL	256
	43 B	Old Post	NIL	233
	44	Waverley	NIL	293
	71 A	Excel	NIL	242
	71 C	Excel	NIL	197
	73 A	Stonehenge	NIL	258
3AN	102	Lake Johnston	NIL	281
	103	Sutton	NIL	231
	132	Hillsborough	NIL	212
	164	Chaplin	NIL	265
	194	Enfield	NIL	314
3BS	17 A	Val Marie	NIL	195
	17 B	Val Marie	3	194
	75 B	Pinto Creek	NIL	201
	76 A	Auvergne	NIL	160
	76 B	Auvergne	TR	193
	78 A	Grassy Creek	1	259
	78 B	Grassy Creek	NIL	180
	105	Glenbain	NIL	343
	106	Whiska Creek	NIL	210
	108	Bone Creek	TR	286
3BN	136	Coulee	TR	316
	137	Swift Current	NIL	201
	138	Webb	NIL	270
	166	Excelsior	NIL	312
	167	Sask. Landing	NIL	315
	226	Victory	NIL	381
	228 A	Lacadena	NIL	308
	228 B	Lacadena	TR	346
	256	King George	6	363
	257	Monet	NIL	342
4A	19	Frontier	6	383
	49 B	White Valley	NIL	356
	109 B	Carmichael	NIL	375
	110	Piapot	NIL	343
	111 A	Maple Creek	TR	370
	111 B	Maple Creek	NIL	357
4B	141	Big Stick	NIL	339
	171	Fox Valley	NIL	323
	229	Miry Creek	NIL	271
	231	Happyland	TR	433
	232	Deer Forks	NIL	374
5A	152	Spy Hill	NIL	304
	181	Langenburg	NIL	320
	184 C	Grayson	1	385
	185	Mcleod	NIL	461
	186	Abernethy	NIL	364
	213	Saltcoats	1	367
	241	Calder	NIL	554
	245 A	Garry	TR	370
	245 B	Garry	NIL	411
	246	Ituna Bon Accord	TR	470
	247	Kellross	1	471
	248	Touchwood	1	330
5B	271	Cote	1	428
	276	Foam Lake	1	423
	277	Emerald	4	380
	303	Keys	NIL	414
	307	Elfros	2	403
	308	Big Quill	NIL	447
	335	Hazel Dell	2	437
	336	Sasman	8	369
	337	Lakeview	3	386
	338	Lakeside	2	372
	366 A	Kelvington	TR	408
	366 B	Kelvington	2	414
	367	Ponass Lake	3	456
	368	Spalding	1	361
6A	190 A	Dufferin	1	336
	190 B	Dufferin	NIL	293
	190 C	Dufferin	NIL	296
	219 C	Longlaketon	1	365
	220	Mckillop	NIL	345
	221	Sarnia	1	358
	251	Big Arm	TR	477
	252	Arm River	NIL	339
	279 B	Mount Hope	1	474
	280	Wreford	NIL	377
	282	Mccraney	1	412
	309	Prairie Rose	5	353
	310	Usborne	1	467
	312	Morris	NIL	364
	313	Lost River	NIL	350
	339 A	Leroy	2	352
	339 B	Leroy	2	357
	340 A	Wolverine	1	410
	340 B	Wolverine	3	467
	343	Blucher	TR	345
6B	254	Loreburn	1	403
	283	Rosedale	TR	470
	284	Rudy	TR	484
	285	Fertile Valley	TR	474
	286	Milden	NIL	386
	314	Dundurn	1	456
	344	Corman Park	NIL	367
	345	Vanscoy	NIL	468
	346	Perdue	NIL	445
	376 A	Eagle Creek	NIL	442
	376 B	Eagle Creek	TR	450
	403	Rosthern	2	394
7A	259	Snipe Lake	TR	369
	287	St. Andrews	NIL	427
	290	Kindersley	NIL	350
	292	Milton	NIL	415
	317 B	Marriott	NIL	468
	317 C	Marriott	NIL	376
	318 A	Mountain View	NIL	403
	318 B	Mountain View	5	476
	319	Winslow	NIL	390
	320	Oakdale	NIL	460
	321	Prairiedale	NIL	450
7B	347 A	Biggar	TR	424
	347 B	Biggar	NIL	380
	350 A	Mariposa	NIL	316
	350 B	Mariposa	2	353
	352	Heart's Hill	NIL	630
	377 A	Glenside	2	458
	377 B	Glenside	6	458
	378 A	Rosemount	NIL	433
	378 B	Rosemount	NIL	406
	379	Reford	TR	406
	382	Eye Hill	NIL	632
	409	Buffalo	NIL	409
	410	Round Valley	NIL	477
8A	395	Porcupine	5	557
	397	Barrier Valley	3	548
	398	Pleasantdale	4	600
	428	Star City	3	599
	456	Arborfield	3	582
	458	Willow Creek	5	410
	486	Moose Range	7	417
	487	Nipawin	12	398
8B	370	Humboldt	TR	480
	371	Bayne	1	383
	372	Grant	TR	390
	373 A	Aberdeen	TR	411
	373 B	Aberdeen	NIL	309
	399	Lake Lenore	1	515
	400	Three Lakes	NIL	349
	402	Fish Creek	TR	424
	429 A	Flett's Springs	1	467
	429 B	Flett's Springs	4	483
	430	Invergordon	1	361
	431 A	St. Louis	0	403
	459	Kinistino	2	403
9AE	461	Prince Albert	3	461
	488	Torch River	4	527
	520 B	Paddockwood	3	371
9AW	435	Redberry	1	384
	436	Douglas	NIL	323
	463	Duck Lake	5	447
	467	Round Hill	NIL	416
	494	Canwood	1	374
	496	Spiritwood	1	406
	497	Medstead	TR	378
	555	Big River	1	573
9B	438 A	Battle River	NIL	508
	472	Wilton	NIL	552
	498 A	Parkdale	NIL	372
	498 B	Parkdale	NIL	373
	499	Mervin	NIL	496
	501 B	Frenchman Butte	NIL	393
	501 C	Frenchman Butte	1	431
	502	Britannia	TR	489
	561	Loon Lake	NIL	501
	588 A	Meadow Lake	25	401
	588 C	Meadow Lake	3	562
	588 D	Meadow Lake	NIL	404

These precipitation amounts represent point locations within each municipality and do not necessarily reflect the whole R.M.

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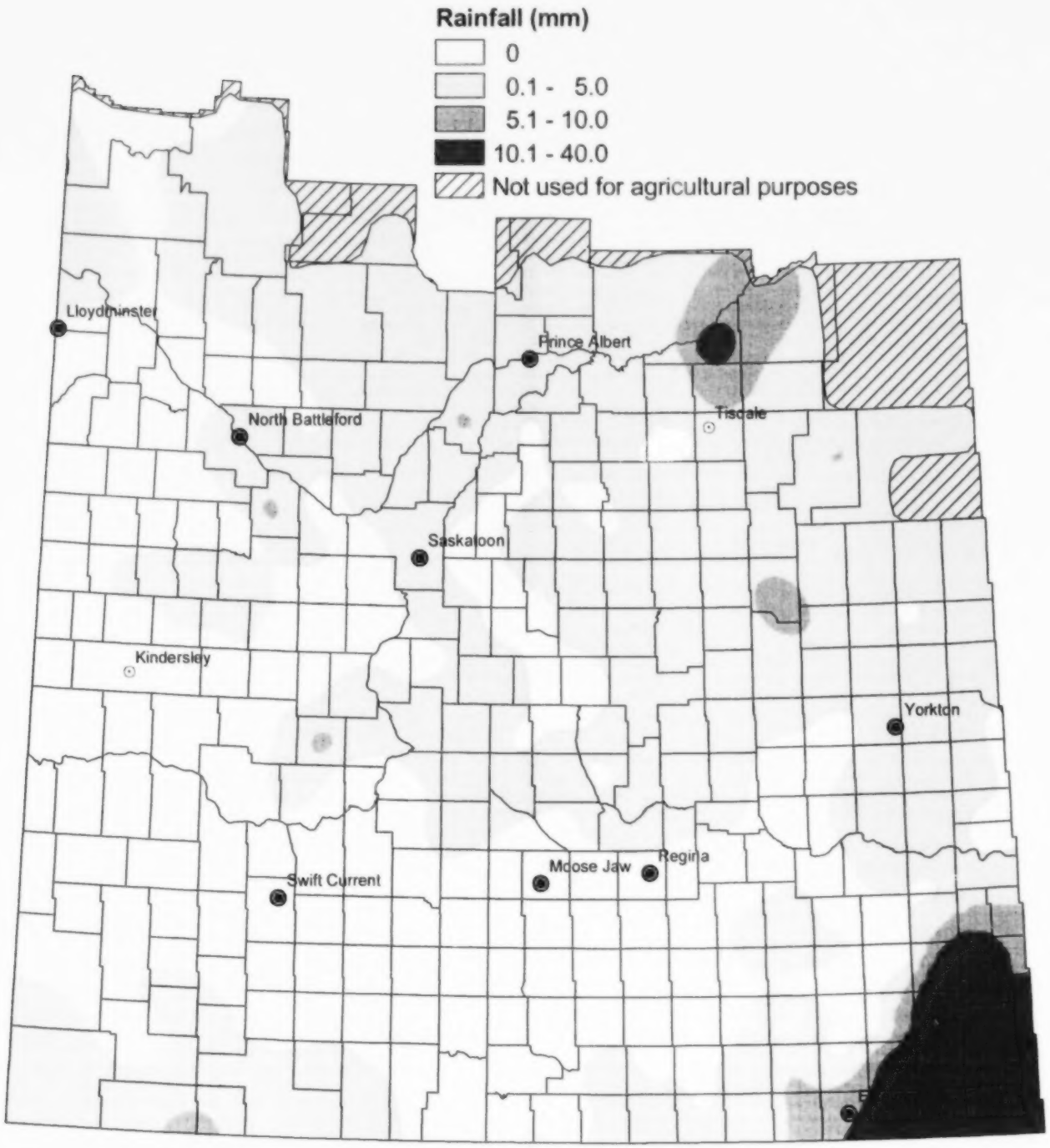
Municipality No: A, B, C, and D - more than one reporter

Weekly Rainfall
for the week ending October 8, 2005



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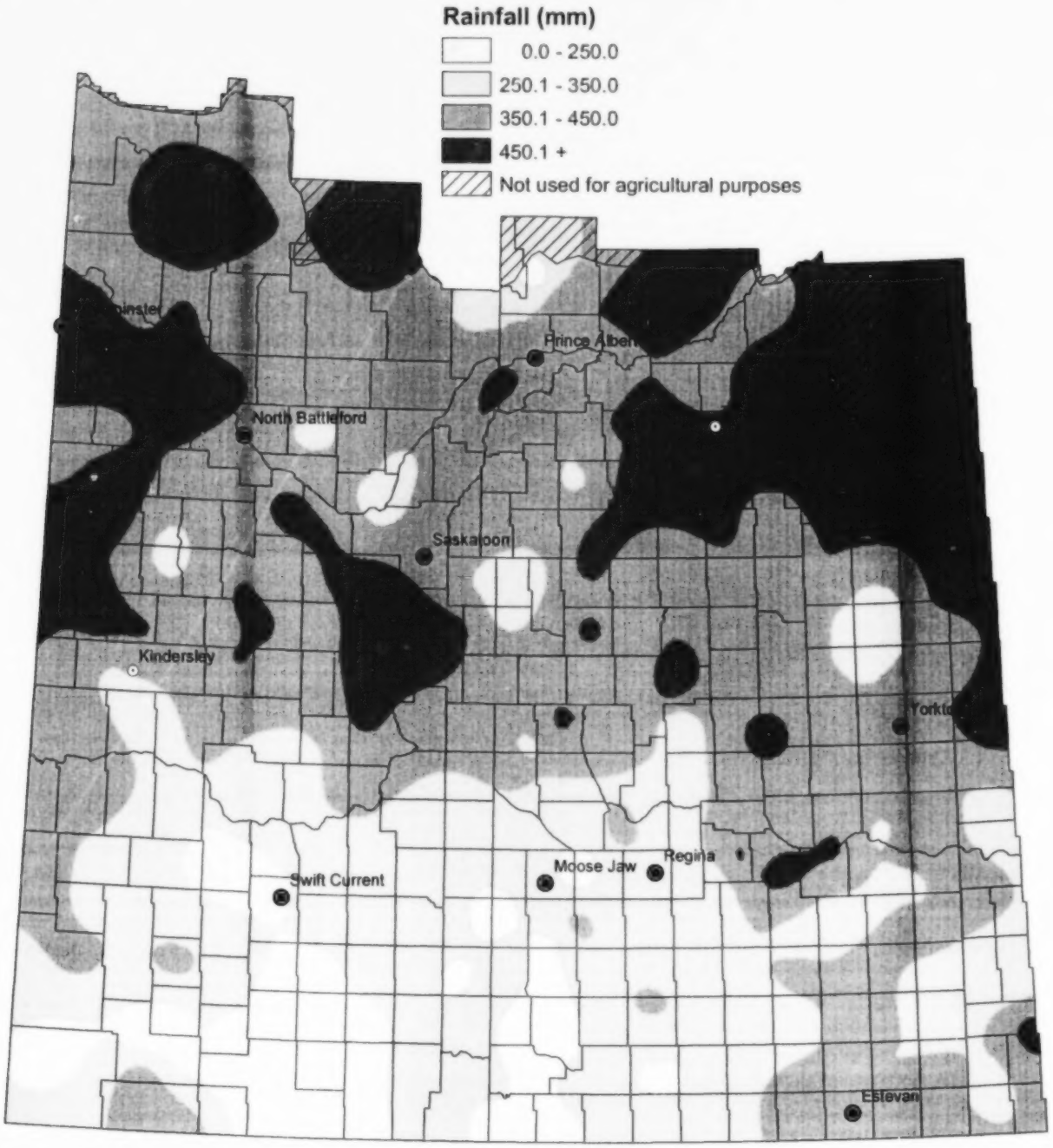

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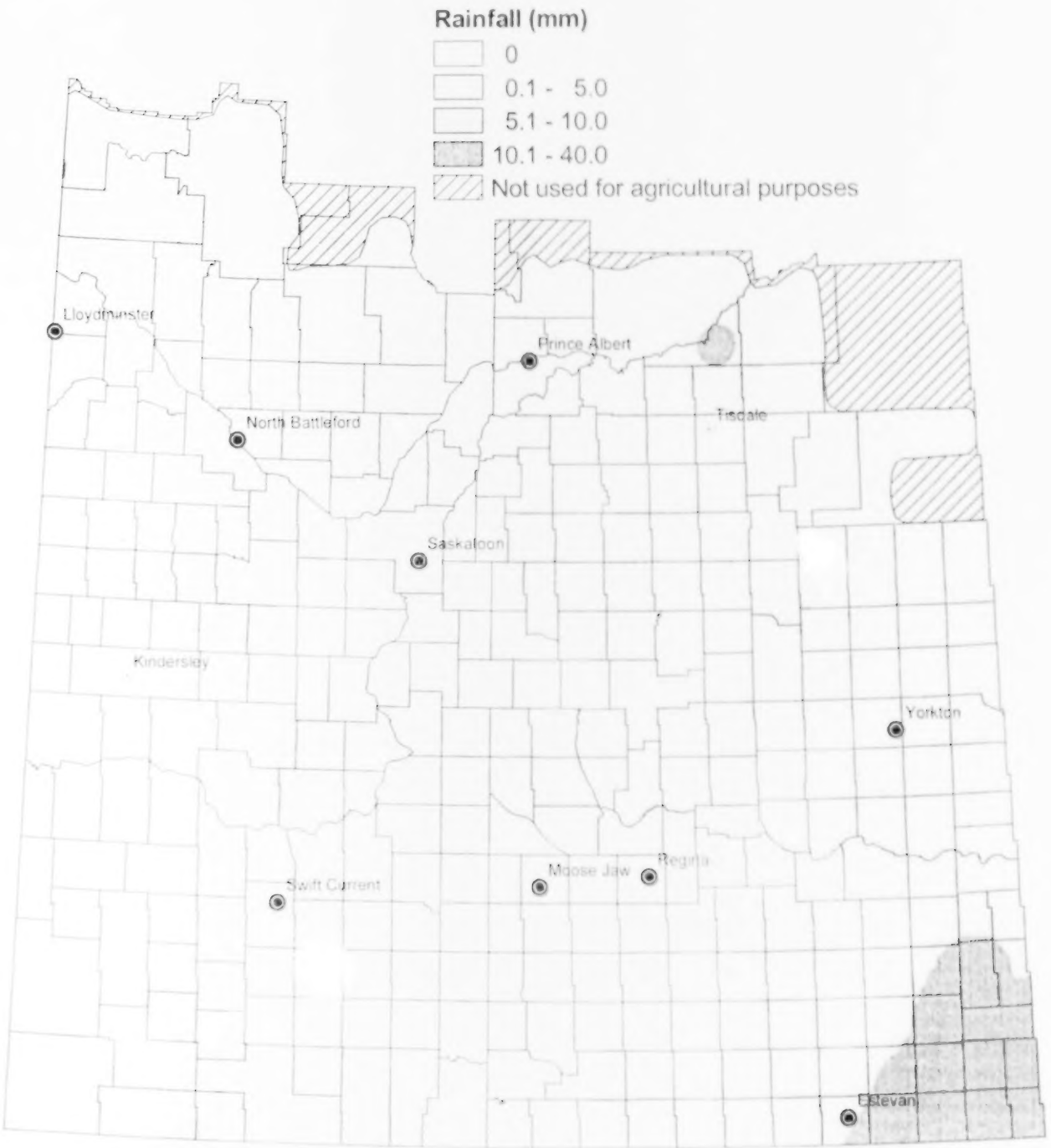

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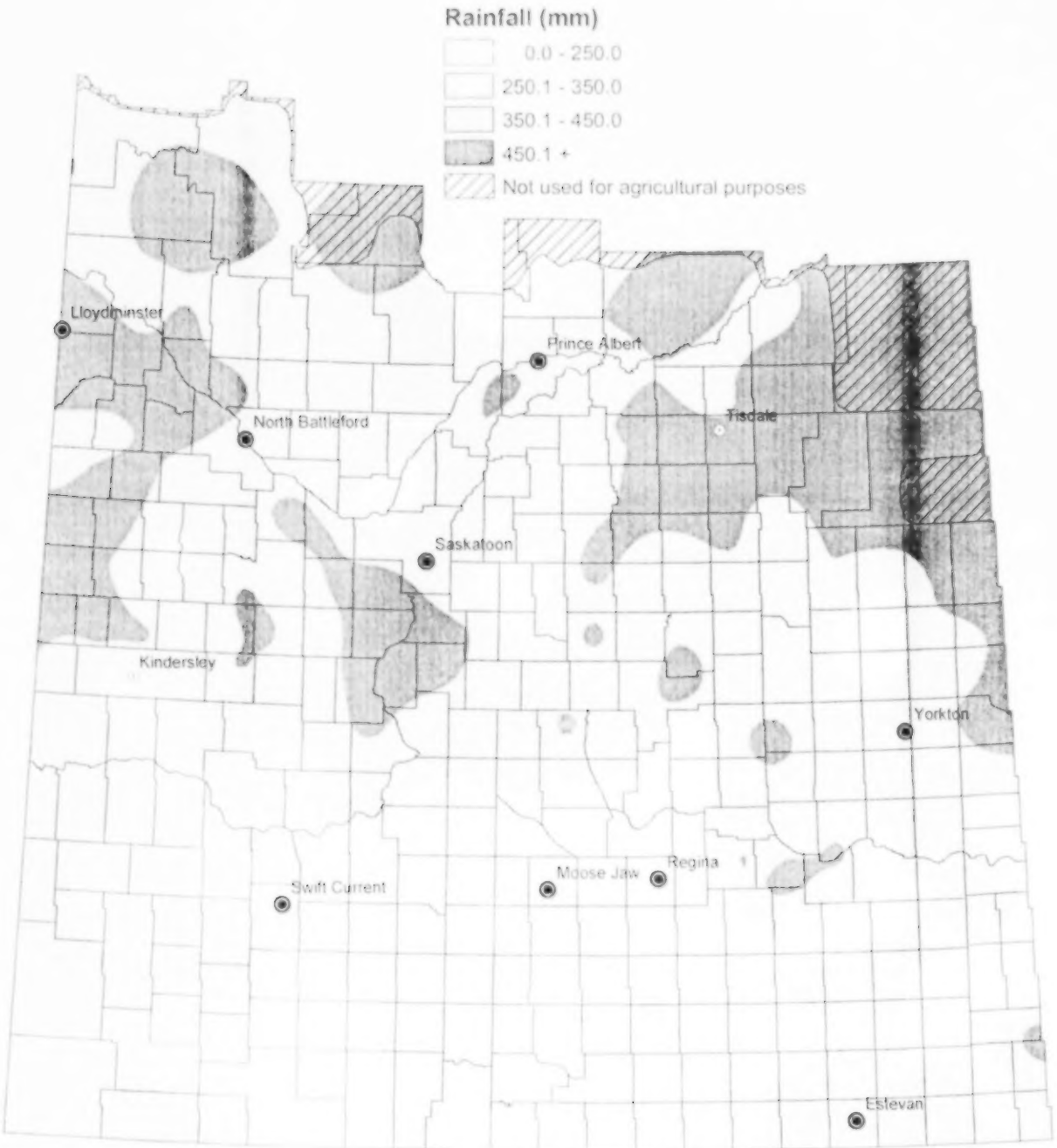

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